

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12480 (JTD)

(Joint Administration Requested)

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND REQUEST FOR SERVICE OF PAPERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Paul Hastings LLP and Landis Rath & Cobb LLP hereby appear as counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of First Lien Lenders² and the DIP Lenders pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1109(b) and rules 2002, 3017(a), 9007, and 9010 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and rule 2002-1(d) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, and request that copies of any and all notices and papers filed or entered in these cases be given to and

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), B. Riley Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home and Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy’s Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy’s Franchising and Licensing, LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260); Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123); Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies “Plus”, LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors’ headquarters is located at 109 Innovation Court, Suite J, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

² Capitalized terms used but otherwise not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the *Declaration of David Orlofsky in Support of Debtors’ Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings*.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this notice of appearance and any subsequent appearance, pleading, claim, or suit is not intended nor shall be deemed to waive the rights of the Ad Hoc Group of First Lien Lenders and the DIP Lenders: (1) to have an Article III judge adjudicate in the first instance any case, proceeding, matter, or controversy as to which a bankruptcy judge may not enter a final order or judgment consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; (2) to have final orders in a non-core case, proceeding, matter, or controversy entered only after an opportunity to object to proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and a *de novo* review by a district court judge; (3) to trial by jury in any case, proceeding, matter, or controversy so triable; (4) to have the reference withdrawn by the United States District Court in any case, proceeding, matter, or controversy subject to mandatory or discretionary withdrawal; or (5) any other rights, claims, actions, defenses, setoffs, or recoupments to which the Ad Hoc Group of First Lien Lenders and DIP Lenders are or may be entitled under agreements, in law or in equity, all of which rights, claims, actions, defenses, setoffs, and recoupments expressly are hereby reserved. For the avoidance of doubt, filing this notice is not intended as, and shall not be, the Ad Hoc Group of First Lien Lenders' and DIP Lenders' consent to the entry of final orders and judgments in any case, proceeding, matter, or controversy if it is determined that the Court, absent consent of the Ad Hoc Group of First Lien Lenders and DIP Lenders consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

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